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DANIEL BOONE SENTENCED ON FEDERAL GUN CHARGES

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Special Agent in Charge of the Boston Field Office for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives William J. Hoover, today announced that **DANIEL BOONE**, age 32, of Dade City, Florida, formerly of Laconia, was sentenced in U. S. District Court today to five months incarceration, five months of home confinement and a probationary period of three years for illegally transferring firearms to an out of state resident. **BOONE** pleaded guilty in October of 2003 to federal firearms charges, admitting that he illegally sold four firearms to a Providence R.I. man, Brian Bataitis. It is a federal violation for individuals, other than licensed dealers or manufacturers, to transfer firearms to out of state residents.

In August of 2001, **BOONE** drove to Providence, R.I. and sold the four firearms, which he had purchased at the Newfound Sales and Trading Post in Bristol, New Hampshire to Brian Bataitis, a resident of Providence, R.I. Bataitis was subsequently convicted of narcotics and firearms charges in U.S. District Court in Rhode Island. The indictment against **BOONE**, part of the Department of Justice's Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) initiative, alleged that between August and October 2001, **BOONE** illegally transferred firearms in interstate commerce.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated: "This case is just one example of this Office's commitment to aggressive prosecution of the federal firearms laws as mandated by Attorney General Ashcroft's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" initiative. Preventing illegal commerce in firearms is one of our main objectives. This office will continue to vigorously enforce the federal firearms laws as we expand the implementation of Project Safe Neighborhoods in the District of New Hampshire."

This prosecution resulted from an investigation conducted by the agents of the U. S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Explosives in Rhode Island and New Hampshire. The prosecution was handled by Assistant U. S. Attorney Helen White Fitzgibbon.